UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
DALLAS DIVISION

JASON NIEMAN,	§	
Plaintiff,	§	
v.	§	**No. 3:14-CV-3897-M (BF)**
DWAINE HELTON, et al.,	§	
Defendants.	§	

ORDER

This case has been referred to the United States Magistrate Judge for pretrial management. Before the Court are Jason Nieman's ("Plaintiff") Motion to Compel Proper Discovery Responses by the Individual City of Dallas Defendants Helton, Merrell, and Milam (collectively, "Defendants"), and Related Motion for Discovery Sanctions and/or Civil Contempt Finding [ECF No. 259] ("Motion to Compel"); and Defendants' Motion for a Discovery Protective Order [and] Motion for Imposition of Sanctions [ECF No. 260] ("Motion for Protective Order"). As Defendants point out, this is the third round of discovery motions that have been filed in connection with interrogatories Plaintiff initially served Defendants on July 27, 2015. Defs.' Resp. 2-4, ECF No. 260; Orders, ECF Nos. 202 & 253. Plaintiff was informed by the Court on March 22, 2016 and on September 30, 2016 that he must comply with Federal Rule of Civil Procedure ("Rule") 33(a)(1) in connection with these interrogatories. Orders, ECF Nos. 202 & 253. However, Plaintiff still fails to comply with Rule 33(a)(1). *See* Defs.' Resp. 7-13, ECF No. 260. Therefore, Plaintiff's Motion to Compel [ECF No. 259] is DENIED, and Defendants' Motion for Protective Order [ECF No. 260] is GRANTED. Defendants are relieved of any further obligation to answer the interrogatories at issue. With respect to Defendants' request for sanctions, Defendants ask that the Court order them to file a costs memorandum and a supporting affidavit, and allow Plaintiff to object, if the Court is inclined to award sanctions. Defs.' Resp. 23, ECF No. 260. Upon consideration, Defendants are ordered to file a cost memorandum and a supporting affidavit detailing the costs incurred to date, if Plaintiff persists with these interrogatories, thereby causing further motion practice on the topic.

SO ORDERED, this 28th day of February, 2017.

PAUL D. STICKNEY
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE